

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6262

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SUBJ: SANTA CLARA MINERAL PORT

REF: (A) STATE 068717; (B) STATE 068904

1. CHARGE TELEPHONED MINISTER OF STATE RAWIRI APRIL 2 TO FOLLOW UP ON REFTELS. (FYI: TRANSLATION OF SUMMARY OF SOROS/RAWIRI LETTER (REF A) DELIVERED TO RAWIRI MARCH 29. ALSO PRESIDENT BONGO AND PARTY DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE KUWAIT-PERSIAN GULF TRIP AS EARLIER PLANNED DUE TO DEATH OF KING FAISAL.)

2. RAWIRI WHO WITH MOSTLY GABONESE OFFICIALS HAD SPENT LONG EASTER WEEKEND OUTSIDE OF LIBREVILLE SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING SOMETIME APRIL 2 WITH PRESIDENT BONGO AND WOULD WISH TO PASS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON SOROS CONTRACT. CHARGE, DRAWING ON REF B, NOTED SOROS READINESS COME TO LIBREVILLE AND/OR MEET WITH GOG OFFICIALS IN PARIS (PARAS 2 AND 3 REF B).

3. CHARGE ALSO REITERATED POINT MADE IN EARLIER LETTER THAT SOROS READY TO RECEIVE GABONESE IN NEW YORK AND EMPHASIZED THAT SIGNING PORT DESIGN/ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH SOROS PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION RE CONSTRUCTORS OR SUPPLIERS IS IN ULTIMATE BEST INTERESTS OF GOG.

4. RAWIRI APPRECIATED SOROS CONTINUED INTEREST AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND ASKED THAT HE BE GIVEN LETTER SUMMARIZING  
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POINTS MADE BY CHARGE.

5. REQUESTED LETTER WILL BE DELIVERED TO RAWIRI APRIL 2  
AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION FOR SOROS  
BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

6. FYI: PRESIDENT BONGO NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART LIBREVILLE  
APRIL 4 OR 5 FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND PERHAPS ROMANIA WITH  
ESTIMATED DATE OF RETURN TO LIBREVILLE VERY TENTATIVELY  
SET AS APRIL 9-11. DATES BONGO OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GOG  
OFFICIALS WILL BE IN LIBREVILLE AND/OR PARIS IS OF COURSE  
SOMETHING RAWIRI WILL CONFIRM FOR US AND WHICH WE WILL  
PASS ON TO SOROS.COUNTRYMAN

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